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ices of the people against the South in noisy harangues and, as if to be quite obedient to the instructions that "counsel no violence," they arouse a periodical mob against the fugitive-slave law whenever they think the public pulse beats too rationally. They will doubtless be quite ready for more peaceful pastimes by the time the Nebraska and Kansas bills have become laws of the land!

Naval Steamers in the Bosphorus

The following extracts from a letter recently received from the Mediterranean by a friend will be read with interest:

"At Constantinople, or rather in the Bosphorus, I saw the finest collection of naval steamers in the world, the most efficient of which was the 'Agamemnon,' a British ship (of the line, mounting ninety guns). She has trunk engines, built by Penn & Son, and has a two-bladed propeller, arranged to be lifted up out of the water when not in use, and so the simplest and most efficient arrangement in the world." They told me their average speed at sea was ten knots, but they brag so of their ships that it is hard to believe. They say, however, that she is the finest and most efficient steamer in the navy—I believe they might say of the world."

"Their side-wheel steamers are also the finest and swiftest specimens."

"I saw thirteen steam frigates mounting each forty guns of heavy calibre. Their sloops (as they would term the United States steamer *Sarracine*) are much faster than their frigates; but in a race of 700 miles with the Highflyer, the *Sarracine* beat her eighteen hours, although they call her a two-knot ship. In this race the *Sarracine* averaged but

"The French steamer 'Napoleon' has returned to Toulon in a dead failure."

Our readers will find it one of the ablest and most convincing arguments yet made upon the subject. To our mind it is the most satisfactory and logical speech we have ever read. All who have read it speak of it in the highest terms of praise. It is highly creditable to Mr. Norris, and has done honor to himself and the State he so faithfully represents. He throws a flood of light upon the great doctrine of non-intervention, and brushes away the cobwebs of sophistry and superficial and fallacious reasoning of the abolition demagogues in a most masterly manner. His reduction places him in the front rank of debaters in the Senate, and he is entitled to the cordial commendation of his constituents for the bold and manly stand he has taken on behalf of one of the prominent measures of the administration.

Redemption of the Public Debt for the week ending April 1, 1854.	
Jan. of 1842	\$154,500
" 1845	26,400
" 1847	50,300
" 1848	23,600
Texas interest	19,000
	\$12,800

Amount of grants over the sales -	19,865,685	"
Old grants for military services -	24,841,930	"
Amount	44,707,075	"
Amount of grants and sales	252,001,787	"

These grants (except for military services) are for the benefit of only a part of the States, and the old States have been wholly excluded.

The swamp lands granted to California are many millions of acres, but have not been returned, and are not included above.

A lead mine has been recently discovered in Benton county, Alabama. A slight examination disclosed a rich vein of ore, which, on being tested, yielded 79 per cent pure lead. The vein was supposed to be very extensive.